

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 5 has been canceled, claim 1 has been amended, and no claims have been added. No new matter is being presented.

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1, 4 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,495,410 to Graf. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 5, which was previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 4 depends directly from claim 1 and is therefore believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons. With respect to claim 11, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Regarding claim 11, the Examiner cites Graf for teaching the selecting unit as recited. The Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 11 recites:

a selecting unit to select one or more of the 3-D models stored in the storing unit on the display screen.

Graf does not teach a selecting unit to select one or more the 3-D models stored in the storing unit on the display screen. Rather, the section of Graf cited by the Examiner for teaching this element (column 13, lines 28-32) mentions using robot, workstation, and end effector model data to execute a conventional graphics generation program. As noted on page 17 of the specification of the present application, a user may select a 3-D model from a library of objects. Then, after "the object 3-D model is selected in this manner, the processor 10 reads data of the selected object 3-D model data from the object library...." *Specification, Page 17, Lines 23-25.*

The Applicants respectfully submit that since Graf fails to teach or suggest all of the features of claim 11, claim 11 is allowable over Graf. Thus, withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claim 5 has been found to contain

allowable subject matter. As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5.

Applicants further acknowledge with appreciation that claims 2, 3, 6-10 and 12-14 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.


If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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